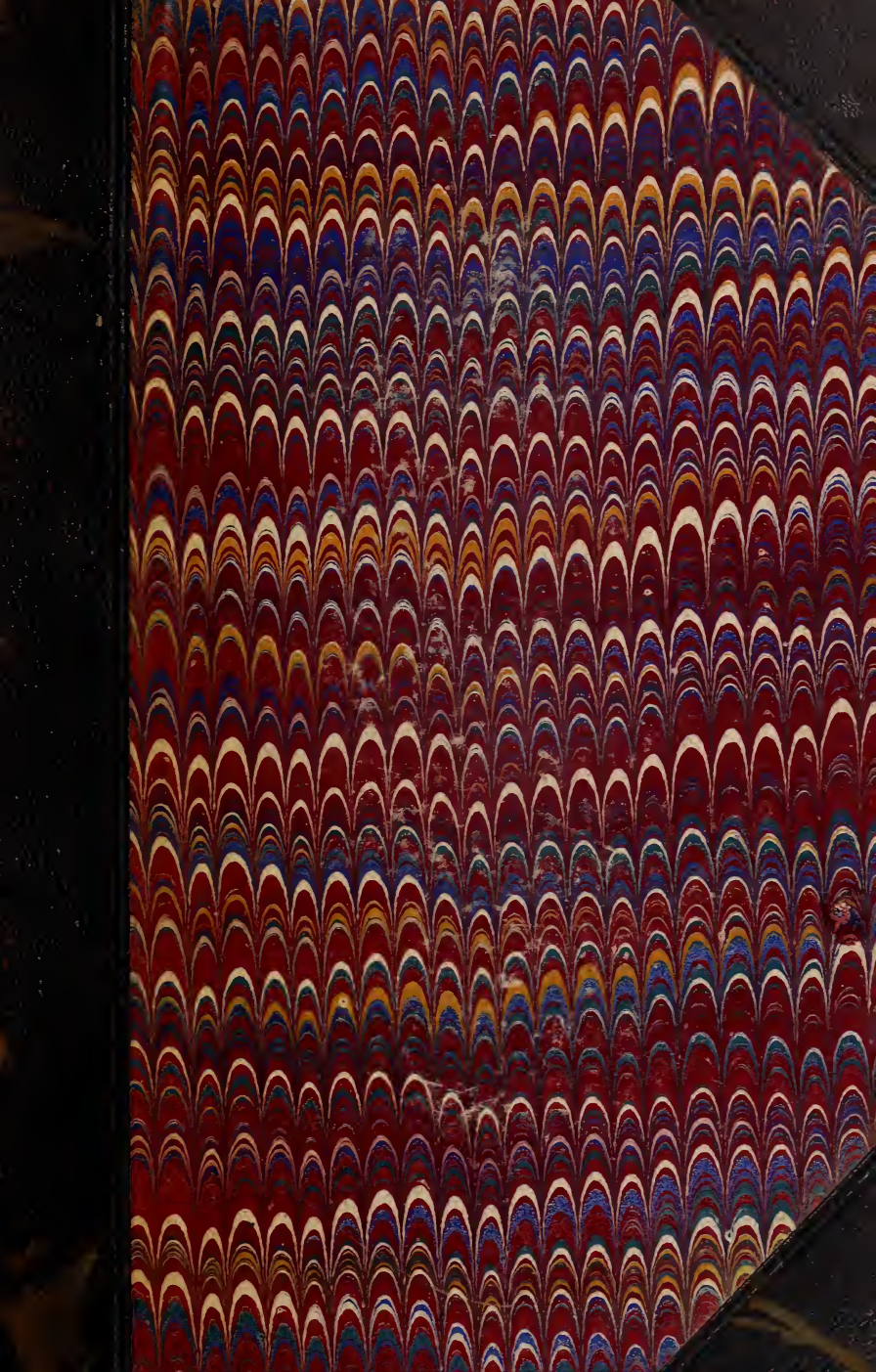

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WE come through summer heat to the renewal of busy plans, with, perhaps, a quickened sense of one of the difficulties with which our missionaries have to contend in the effect of climate upon their physical and mental life. Yet it is seldom they refer to this, as work presses on, and they ask but to be sustained and cheered by the faithfulness of home friends. One of our faithful workers in India writes, seeking to allure others to the field:

"Our great need is cultivated Christian ladies, who will come out here and devote their lives toward raising this people. It is not easy work, and at first it seems like a great self-sacrifice; but from my own experience, I can say one can be *very happy* in it, and it is really very little compared to the sacrifice Christ has made for us."

Mrs. Viele says: "Some time ago I heard Dr. Hepburn say that if all the missionaries left Japan the work would go right on through the native men and women who are now Christians and prepared to work, not as wisely or as steadily without their captains and pilots, but certainly and with heaven in view."

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

INDIA—CALCUTTA.

UNITY IN MISSION WORK.

Letter from Miss Hook.

WITH pleasure I read in the home papers the proceedings of the American Committee appointed by the Presbyterian Council at Belfast on "Co-operation in Foreign Missions." A long experience in mission work in India has convinced me that if the different missions co-operated more the influence of all would be greatly enhanced. It is only by presenting an unbroken front, marching shoulder to shoulder that the mighty power of Hinduism can be conquered. If members of different missions cannot work together there must exist among them some selfish principle that should be speedily gotten rid of if God is to bless the work. It is a question whether the Missionary Societies at home are not more to blame than the missionaries for the lack of co-operation here on the foreign field.

"PICTURES" HELPED US.

Letter from Miss Sunder.

A GRAND heathen festival has just passed. The pretty pictures sent us from America helped us to keep most of the girls from absenting themselves from school. In some homes I was told it was as grand a day as Christmas was to us. They made many varieties of rice cakes, and did a great deal of visiting among themselves. As many women as could afford it went to the junction of two rivers to have a bath. Happy mothers made tiny boats of the stem of the plantain trees, and at sundown floated them on the river or ponds near their houses. Their course betokened prosperity or adversity.

Some of these festivals have no meaning, and are simply carried on because their forefathers practised them. I was at one of our stations yesterday, and had quite a profitable evening distributing tracts to the Babus at the railway depot. The particular tract I had in hand was one we were giving away in the zenanas at Christmas about the birth of Christ, and is called "The Wonderful Event."

I have heard a most interesting account of one of our late pupils. She left school a long time ago, taking with her a copy of the Gospel of St. Matthew. Her future home was in a distant part of the country, so we quite lost sight of her. One day a woman appeared at the school, asking for a copy of the Gospels, saying she had been sent all this way to procure one for the Bo. Her husband had seen it, and in a fit of anger had torn the book up, but the woman said it was the only bit of comfort in her life, and she could not live without it that *she must have a copy*, and had sent for it. We gave her a copy, and my heart was full of joy. "Cast thy bread upon the waters, and thou shalt find it after many days." I heard of an instance almost similar in connection with a boys' school taught by missionaries, and the young man is now in the hospital here and has requested baptism.

A STEP ONWARD.

Letter from Miss Smith.

IN our home we spent a very pleasant evening with our native teachers. They are very poor, and towards the close I had a satisfactory talk with the Christian Babu who superintends our work at Rajpore. He has heathen cousins, who have attended one of my schools for several years. The oldest, a very promising girl, married about three years ago, and was taken to her husband's house in the country. When in school she always took a deep interest in her Scripture lessons, and I felt sure she would be a Christian some day, as she seemed earnest in seeking the truth. You may imagine how glad I was to

hear that she is now a Christian, and an active one, for her cousin says she calls in the women and children of her village and teaches them about the true God and Jesus Christ. When her father was telling her cousin about her missionary work he said he always feared she would become a Christian and would wish to leave their roof, but he was not displeased to find she could be a Christian in her own home. He is a liberal minded man and a kind father, and I hope some day he, too, will be a believer. This pupil's husband is also interested in the Christian religion. The last time his wife was on a visit to her father he told her to ask me for a copy of the Testament, so that they might each have a copy.

AFTER DEATH.

Letter from Miss Hamilton.

THERE has lately been the death of an only boy in one of the houses I visit. I am sure the little creature never knew the enjoyment of good health, and must have been greatly relieved when the end of his short existence came. His grandmother, with eyes brimming with tears, anxiously inquired if I thought he was in Heaven, and if he really can be freed from all the ailments he had while here, and as I rose to come away she asks, "Can it be possible for him to come to earth again?" She meant could he come to some other family, as ignorant natives believe in more than one birth, and for that reason they frequently bore a dead child's ear, or make some distinguishing mark so as to see if that very child returns into the family.

Four years ago a woman who had a very intemperate husband remarked to me that she would very much like to be an English lady, and then her next birth would be in an English home. The reason she gave was, that English husbands take care of their wives, and they are so free and happy.

INDIA—ALLAHABAD.

A GOOD TEXT.

Letter from Miss Lathrop.

OUR schools are very interesting, and I believe hopeful. We have a large number of women in them. These are not in secluded zenanas, but women of the lower classes, and yet not those whose time need be given to manual labor. They care for their families, and when household tasks are done are at liberty for some hours, and this time they can give to learning to read. Some are very dull, while others are bright and make good use of their time. I have a very interesting class, largely composed of women, whom I teach on Sunday. Last Sunday in our course came the crucifixion. All were touched by the story, and one said: "Does Jerusalem still stand, and could anyone at this time live in a city where such wickedness was planned and carried out? I wonder God did not at once destroy it." This gave me a good text, and from which I spoke to them of our share in Christ's sufferings and our responsibility. They all seemed earnest and thoughtful, and I pray that the lesson may truly touch their hearts. Wider and wider the doors open before us, and we earnestly desire more laborers so that more may be accomplished. It may be some day there will come a reaction, the ready access we now have to the women and girls will be denied. This is often spoken of here, and it makes us doubly anxious to work now.

INCREASE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

A woman we have been teaching some months was baptized lately. She belonged to the class of whom the Saviour said such pressed into the kingdom before the self-righteous Pharisee. I hope a work of grace is wrought in her heart, and that the remnant of her life will be spent as the Lord's servant. We have increased the number of zenanas over fifty during the

cool season. Schools also have grown, and we have 1,050 pupils, 450 of whom are in zenanas.

I have just sent a little girl who had been attending the "Mary Merriman" School at Cawnpore to our Calcutta Orphanage. She has parents, but they are very poor, and unable to care for her properly, and gave her to me. I hope she will grow to be a good and useful woman. I never see a poor forlorn little one without fairly coveting it for the Orphanage.

A SACRED BATHING PLACE.

Letter from Miss McIntosh.

FOR the last fifteen days in January and the first fifteen days in February crowds may be seen every day at the confluence of the Ganges and Jumna, all intent on bathing and getting through their devotions. I visited the Mela grounds on a special bathing day. There was a strong breeze, and clouds of dust were flying in every direction. There was no mistaking those who travelled on foot for the faces of the men, and the bare feet of the women were covered with dust. The road was lined on either side by shops containing brass ware, beads of every description, clocks, cheap fancy articles, jewelry, parched grain and sweetmeats, and every place seemed shut in with the crowd. As we went closer to the river bank we could recognize the huts of the Brahmins occupied by the gay flags that were hoisted high over them, and the drums that were beaten before the entrances. We went on a little further, and then came to the bathing ghat. My first thought was to look for some familiar face among the women as they came up from the river, but as they hurried past I did not recognize any. No one stood or answered if spoken to, so we looked on at what was an amusing though sad sight, as we thought of those numbers without any knowledge of a Saviour's love, or the Fountain opened for sin and uncleanness. We could not speak there because the people and the priests were excited, so we moved on a little

further, the constable that was with us clearing the way. There was a fat priest seated with a blanket spread before him, and a quantity of grain heaped upon it. I saw the people as they returned from bathing adding to the heap, and then going up to the priest give him pice, and get from him a few drops of holy water to put on the head of the sacred cow, which was making an effort to break from its chain. I asked the meaning of the performance, and was told by the priest himself that those who offered grain, pice or anything else to the cow would have their sins forgiven, and in case they could not find Heaven it had the power to take them there. He said, too, that in the second birth the cow could, by its influence over the gods, make them human beings again instead of animals. We moved on, this time in search of some Bengali widows whom we knew we should find somewhere. After a long walk on the sand we met a young Bengali woman taking her vessels to wash them in the river, and we inquired of her where her friends were staying. She did not even answer, but drawing her cloth close around her moved quickly away. After some difficulty we found the widows, who were very pleasant, and spread a blanket in one of the empty huts where we were glad to sit down and rest. These widows leave their homes to live a month in these huts in the greatest discomfort, bathing twice a day and eating hardly anything. Many are from respectable homes, but if you saw them there you would think them very poor. This is by no means an inexpensive resort, as beside the daily offerings of money they have to pay a large rent for the ground, and, when leaving, a sum of money, according to the means of the woman, is given to the priest at whose ghat she bathed. We conversed with the widows for some time; told them how useless all their endeavors were, and urged them to accept the Truth. One woman tried to argue, but others seemed interested. We distributed some Bengali tracts, and asked those who could not read to take them home, so that some one there may read them. We sold one Gospel as we were returning.

INDIA—CAWNPORE.

WHERE WILL THIS WORK STOP?

Letter from Miss Ward.

April 27, 1886.—Ever since Miss Gardner left us the work has been on the increase, and we number more schools and zenanas than we did last year. So it has been from the very beginning of our work in Cawnpore, and I sometimes wonder when or where we are to stop; but just as long as good friends in America keep up their interest and send support, so long we shall continue to take all the work that comes to us, and scatter all the good seed that we can, and we are seeing some of the harvest already. Here and there we can point to one and another that God has been good enough to let us gather into His fold.

A poor Mohamedan woman lived near one of our old schools, and she proposed that she should go to a district where there was no school and open one for us, we paying her for her work. We told her she might try, and so she went to a district called Shai Ta Rangi Mahal, and now has fourteen or fifteen pupils gathered daily. They are all reading the first book in Urdu, but some are bright and will soon learn to read fluently. There are three women in the school, who had formerly been taught once a week by a lady, so they are beyond the children who have been gathered in from the neighborhood.

They are now learning Bible verses and a Bible question book daily, and once a week Miss Leach, one of our best teachers, visits them, reviewing the secular lessons, and then giving them a Bible lesson and teaching them Christian hymns. We now have twenty-six of these little schools scattered over Cawnpore.

So this beautiful religion of ours is getting into the hearts and lives of our young people, and they are growing to love it. The leaven is steadily working; the appearance may remain the same, but the reality is altered. The outward

forms of caste and idol worship may be, will be kept up for a time longer, but the whole *inside* of things is different and will be more and more unlike the outside.

As we try to carry on this work which the Lord has put into our hands to do, it is with the full realization of our own weakness. We and it are His, and He will take care of both.

A BLIND AND AGED BABU.

Letter from Miss Harris.

I HAVE been called into one or two new zenanas since I last wrote. In one zenana I teach a young widow, who is bright and interesting. I think she is the only Bengali widow who is learning with me, and she reads the Gospel and a little English. Her father is blind. One day I offered a tract to him, and he asked me to read it, which I gladly did. It was about heaven. The old man listened attentively and said, "Yes, it is all true." The next week when I called I found the old man alone in the room. "Mother," said he, "have you any news for me to-day? The same you read to me last week." I had no tract, so I read a few verses from the New Testament and he listened quietly. Since that day whenever I have a chance I read and talk to the old Babu, and he is always glad to hear me read. He has three daughters, and all are widows. My pupil tells me that her father was at one time so bigoted he would not allow a lady to enter their house.

When it was proposed to introduce railways into India the Brahmins objected to the innovation on the ground that pilgrims to distant shrines might avail themselves of such a mode of conveyance and thus lose the merit to be acquired by toilsome journeying on foot. Their fears were well founded, for few trains arrive or depart that do not bear pilgrims to some shrine; and at some seasons of the year special trains called "pilgrim trains" are necessary, as the number of travelers is so great that they cannot be conveyed by the usual trains.

JAPAN—YOKOHAMA.

A WONDERFUL LAND.

Letter from Mrs. VIELE.

THE work in Japan is full of hope and success, and God's people were never so much encouraged as now in regard to the thorough evangelization of the country. We live in stirring times in the history of Christ's kingdom on earth, and we shall not regret having had a part in the opening of this wonderful country. All through Japan there is such an awakening and reaching out after the truth. This state of things is the case more particularly in the interior. There are many hindrances to the work in such open parts as this, and the travelers who only pass through Japan, stopping for days or weeks in Yokohama, can see or know very little of missionary work.

People are asking what this new religion of the one true and living God means, and are seeking teachers for their children, even though they do not want to learn the true way themselves. Never was there a time when so many openings presented for work among the natives as now, and the seed being sown in so many different parts of the country will in time cover the field with the ripe, rich fruits of Gospel truths and Christlike living.

OUR OWN SCHOOL

is in a prosperous condition, and our hearts are filled with joy. Some of my Eurasian girls were recently received into Church communion. I have now but one pupil in my house over twelve years of age, who is not a Christian. I am the happy mother of a happy family, and greatly rejoice in what God has done for us all.

People often say, "How happy the children in your home are!" "Do you think they appreciate what is done for them?" No, not any more than do the children at home who are nur-

tured in well ordered families. Still, no one can for a moment doubt the result of this Christian training. Those who remain long enough on the field to see the children grow up in one of the mission schools realize the benefit of the educational work, which, though slow, is undoubtedly the substantial work of missions the world over. We have quite a number of young women in the school who have been with us for several years, have received their education and training in the Home, and are now giving Mrs. Pierson very efficient aid as teachers of both English and Japanese, returning in faithful service something for the kind generosity they have received during their years of dependence on the Society. They also cheer the heart and strengthen the hands of their dear teacher, Mrs. Pierson, who has spent so many years of patient persevering effort in their behalf. O Sono San, one of the eldest in the school, now devotes the most of her time to the teaching of music, a branch in which she is very efficient. Miss Fletcher's faithful drilling in that line is perpetuating her work in Japan.

TRAINING BIBLE WOMEN.

Mrs. Pierson sent out two of her Bible readers to hold a meeting in a strange place, where not much had yet been heard of Gospel truth, and especially from the lips of women. At first they said, when they saw many women gathered in the room waiting with great curiosity to hear what they had to say, their courage failed them, they felt entirely unequal to the occasion, but after praying over the matter God came to their relief, and they were enabled to leave all their anxiety with Him, who has promised, "I will not leave nor forsake thee," and they told the old, old story with unusual ease and earnestness. This Bible-women preparation is quite a specialty in the work; not all have the gift or talent or ability to teach the Word in such a simple way that these converted idol worshippers can grasp it themselves so firmly that they can give it out to others. This is what some one calls "breaking it up in ltitle bits," so that the simplest can manage it. One teacher

of Bible women told me a few days ago of a meeting she held with her women, when she supposed herself to be one who had never heard of Christianity, and they were invited to bring to her for the first time the story of the Cross. She was surprised and humbled at the simplicity of their teaching, at the questions answered by them, and the difficulties met and overcome. Surely only through the teaching of the Holy Spirit can these minds, born and trained for so many years in darkness, see clearly the realities of what God's word imports.

All the new girls who come to us expecting to learn English need much patient effort on the part of their teachers, and many helpers are required in a school of eighty pupils to do them all justice.

Since our new building is done the school has filled up, and we are much more comfortable. Many of our pupils are now Christians, and others coming into the light.

From Dr. Adeline D. H. Kelsey,

we learn of our school and home, since its rebuilding and enlargement: "The new Home is admirably fitted for health; the living rooms are sunny, airy and pleasant. It fronts the south, which enabled Miss Crosby to plan to the best possible advantage. My room is in the south-west corner, giving me a fine view of Fusiyama, which fascinates Americans as well as Japanese. We have plenty of room, but none too much. All that is needed is money. We are not idle, but we are not doing to the full extent of our capacity, simply for lack of funds. We want and hope to have a training class for nurses, which is greatly needed, and would be highly appreciated in the land. I do earnestly pray that this work may not long be delayed."

The following Programme of our English examinations was sent us from Japan, and we give it as an interesting guide to those who follow our school with love and prayer:

PROGRAMME.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15TH.

Devotional Exercises, 9.15-9.30.

Mental Arithmetic	Primary Class	9.30-9.45	A.M.
Spelling	Freshman "	9.45-10.05	"
Geography	Primary "	10.05-10.30	"

Music.

Second Reader		10.45-11.15	"
Grammar	Sophomore Class	11.30-12.00	M.

Geography	Freshman Class	2.15-2.45	P.M.
Algebra	Junior "	2.45-3.25	"
Universal History	Sophomore "	3.25-4.00	"

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16TH.

Devotional Exercises 9.15-9.30.

Algebra	Senior Class	9.30-10.10	A.M.
Natural History	Sophomore Class	10.10-10.40	"
Bible	Junior "	10.40-11.20	"

Music.

Reading	Junior Class	11.35-12.00	M.

Evidences of Christianity	Junior Class	2.25-3.00	P.M.
Bible	Senior "	3.00-3.40	"
Astronomy	Senior and Junior Classes	3.40-4.10	"

Music.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17TH.

Modern History	Senior Class	2.15-2.45	P.M.
Bible	Post Graduates	2.45-3.25	"
Psychology	Senior Class	3.25-4.00	"

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES,

THURSDAY EVENING,

Beginning promptly at half-past seven.

Essays, music, recitations.

Address by the Rev. Geo. Cochran, D.D.

Presentation of diplomas.

Prayer.

Doxology.

HAPPY RESULTS.

Letter from Mrs. Pierson.

Our Annual Examination took place on the 15th, 16th and 17th of June. None have ever been more satisfactory than these last. Many of the lower classes were reserved for a private hearing at the close of the school year. My method of teaching is peculiarly the result of my long experience in this country. As an illustration: we use Dr. Haveris' psychology in the senior class; but it is very voluminous, and for many reasons the students can have but two lessons weekly, consequently their progress is necessarily slow. In order to obviate this difficulty, I prepare digests of the important topics which they commit to memory; other parts are studied by questions and answers, and some simply by readings and explanations. This is the method pursued in every department. It is especially so in history, as I prepare for them sketches of the prominent characters and events that have transpired in the annals of our world, and thus much that is heavy and less important isomitted.

The examinations are conducted by topic, each being written upon a slip of paper folded up, not distinguished from the others, and drawn by the members of the class. There was not a failure in any instance, and the examinations were never more satisfactory than those of the present year. The graduates, in order to economize time, were required to write certain lessons on the black-board; while some were reciting, others were writing. About two hundred or more persons assembled.

Thursday evening, at the commencement exercises, everything was heartily applauded, for the students were certainly worthy of the highest commendation. They recited poems in English with perfect pronunciation and intonation, without one single mistake from beinning to end, and read their essays with clearness, accuracy and expression.

One of the professors from the theological school in Tokio remarked that he had never been present at commencement exercises in America or Japan that were equal to them.

CHINA—SHANGHAI.

A WHEELBARROW EXCURSION.

Letter from Miss BENNETT.

May 9th.—We have a boarding school of forty-three girls and four day schools. To-day is Saturday, and the girls, having a half-holiday, are starting for a wheelbarrow excursion a few miles in the country. Forty pupils were accommodated in fourteen wheelbarrows, and all were as excited as children are the world over. The Chinese do not have pic-nics as foreigners enjoy, nor are there any woods here to hold them in. I have not seen any woods since I left dear America, and one may travel miles in this part of China and only find a small tree scattered here and there or a cluster of bamboo. The Chinese have special feast days, when they go in great droves, mostly in wheelbarrows, to some temple for worship, and I think this takes the place of our excursions.

Lately on Sabbath our little chapel was full to overflowing, one hundred and seventy Chinese being present. Over one hundred were our pupils, but the rest were strangers who came from the city and country. The bright, inquisitive faces of these people would delight you. After the regular exercises Mrs. Dae, our Chinese teacher, spoke most earnestly and interestingly. She has a great gift in expounding the gospel, and never fails to claim the attention of the most dubious looking audience.

LITTLE PATIENTS.

Letter from Miss MCKECHNIE.

June 1st, 1886.—In one of the beds in the general ward of our, hospital was a little girl about twelve years old, afflicted with a combination of skin diseases. When she came to us her face, arms and legs and part of her body were covered with scabs. Our gate-keeper came in breathless haste to tell the doctor to come quickly, as the girl was frightful to look at.

The doctor saw at once that it was a case for careful treatment and advised that she come in the hospital, but the mother would not consent. She said the child would be afraid and cry. So she came and went for two or three days, and finally decided to try the hospital; but we were obliged to let the mother stay with the child for a while. When she was convinced that the best of care was taken of the child she did not hesitate to leave her with us and go to her home. She was with us six weeks, and at the end of that time her friends scarcely knew her she was so altered in appearance, and was really a very pretty child. The mother and father and all her friends are heathen; but during the time she was in the hospital the father came regularly to our chapel every Sunday afternoon, and occasionally I would see the mother and grandmother there. During the last of the child's stay with us she came regularly to prayers in the morning. I don't know that any good has been done to their souls. We have done our part faithfully and we leave the rest with God. He alone can open their hearts. A child with a broken thigh, who has been with us five weeks, goes home to-morrow. We gave her two dolls to play with, a large and a small one, and she has been delighted with them, having them in her arms almost all of the time. We put one of these bright, many colored quilts that came out in the box, on her bed and her delight knew no bounds, the Chinese admire them so much. Our work is growing daily and our daily numbers average over 100. Some days we have as many as 160. This does not represent the number who come; just those for whom we prescribe, for I should judge some days there are as many as 300 people. Sometimes they seem glad to hear about the truth, and again they will not listen.

INCREASING CARES.

Our hospital has been so crowded that my room had to be used for one of the serious cases which cannot be put in the

general wards. The chance of life with many of them is so small that every precaution must be taken. One poor woman had a hemorrhage, which kept the doctor and myself at the hospital until after midnight and nearly cost the patient her life. The week following we had another serious case, but after great difficulty, we are glad to report the woman as doing well. Her husband is an intelligent man and speaks a little English. He has published an account of the recovery of his wife in the Chinese newspapers.

The "Mary Ogden Darrah" bed has been occupied by a bright woman who has had her first baby. We have had a private patient in the "Julia Cumming Jones" bed for some time, who is the mother of a large, healthy girl. She was the wife of Dr. Boone's chief assistant, who died shortly after they were married. She was one of the scholars of the Episcopal Mission and is a Christian girl.

Our dispensary work is still increasing, and to-day 205 prescriptions were made. The Chinese girl who helps me works just as fast as she can, and she is learning very rapidly. We could not accomplish so much if we did not prepare everything beforehand.

Our Bible class is still growing in interest. I am so glad you are praying for it. Every time we meet I shall think of that and it will be a comfort.

Letter from Dr. Elizabeth Reifsnyder.

We are seeing over 100 patients every day. These, together with the Home patients, keep us very busy. But we are as happy as we can be under all these circumstances, and if we can keep up we will continue to be, as far as our Hospital work is concerned. But after seeing 153 patients and writing over 200 prescriptions, my mind, or rather my head, is a little tired.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Begin Promptly.

THERE is perhaps no more important issue of THE MISSIONARY LINK than the present number, covering September and October. It finds our friends, their summer vacation just passed, looking forward meditatively to the pursuits and pleasures of the autumn and winter. "What shall be done?" "What shall be omitted?" To our collectors and Mission Bands we would say earnestly: Do not wait too long before arranging and organizing active plans for the support and extension of your work. Let no other interest step in before, and draw away the hearts and sympathies of your contributors and youthful friends. Although it may be too early to resume stated work, yet it is not too soon to decide and define your plans, and set up a mark toward which every after effort shall lead and help achieve. What is your aim?

"Poor Hindoo Women!"

A SCOTCH Missionary living at Oodeypore, India, thus describes an event, common in India, which he himself witnessed the past summer, August 9th, 1885. It gives reality to the heathen custom to know that only one year ago such cruelty was practised:

"A very painful scene was enacted near our house the other day, which Mr. McI—— and I stood watching for some time. The victim was apparently a young woman. Her husband, who had died that morning, had been carried from her house and was burning on the funeral pile. The friends of the newly-made widow sat on the road just under our back veranda, while two old barbers' wives dragged their reluctant victim to the shores of the lake. I could see that it was with difficulty they could get the poor woman to come along. The

operation commenced by knocking off her ornaments, which were purified by water before they were given to the second barber's wife. I myself saw one of them take a stone and break some of the ornaments off the poor woman's arm. How this wretch gloated over the lovely black hair which hung in streaming tresses far below her waist; It made my blood boil to see how she gathered it several times in her hand as if taunting the poor widow. She would never have to comb or dress it again. It was soon cut off and flung away as a polluted thing. Bereft of her bodice, her hair, and her ornaments, and clad only with the fragments of an old chuddar or veil, the Nains or barbers' wives left her for a little to mourn alone and to bathe alone. When this was finished, they clad her in the dark garments of perpetual widowhood, and led her away home to begin a life of lonely misery and trial, to be looked on as a curse to the household, as the cause of her husband's death, as the butt for all the scoffs and jeers of the whole family.

"Poor Hindoo women! Your lot is certainly a hard one. However, it is a satisfaction to know that *something is* being done to help you in many ways, and to make your cheerless and aimless life a brighter and a happier one."

One form of the Zenana work which has been done for many years by the teachers supported by the Woman's Union Missionary Society, is to seek out these poor young widows in their hopeless misery and tell them of the love of Jesus Christ.

Words of Cheer.

A friend on foreign soil writes: "I praise God that this Missionary Society is undenominational. I do love God's children to be all one wherever found, and deplore sectarian differences that separate hearts from working in harmony for souls, and for the honor and glory of God. So I feel that my prayers can go up with fervor and love for your work, and I

pray God to fill all officers at home, all workers in the field with power and wisdom necessary to do nobly for souls."

"I HAVE the pleasure of enclosing ten dollars, which is by no means the first gift I have sent you from an aged saint, my acquaintance with whom dates from the first organization of our Mission Band.

"She has been laid aside from all active duties now for many years, but her life is a continual benediction to the few who know her, and I may add that her love and devotion to your society have *never* wavered."

A FRIEND sends six months' collection of "Dr. Charity" Mission-box for a Chinese baby. The sum represents the contributions of one family, living on a farm almost entirely cut off from Church privileges, who never neglect to pray daily for, as they say, "your best of all societies (the W.U.M.S.) except the Bible Society."

UNION MISSION BAND, New Brunswick, N. J.—Miss M. L. Elmendorf writes: "If a great jug containing all the money we have raised in sixteen years were broken to-day (annual meeting) we should have to count over two thousand dollars. We hope that like seeds which have slipped from the hands of the husbandmen into known and unknown places, our offerings will be raised up by Jesus Christ in 'hundred-fold' fulness for a happy harvest time."

A YOUNG LADY under appointment from another society writes: "Your LINK has always been a welcome visitor at our home, and the perusal of its pages has done much to influence me in choosing the life of a missionary."

THE LEADER of a band of little children in Massachusetts writes: "The enclosed pieces for patch work were cut by some of the larger children of the 'Penny Gleaners' Society.' Their object is to aid you somewhat in your good work. I proposed to them to cut enough for one bed quilt, but they were so eager to do something for you that, when we collected all of the pieces together we found that we had enough for three, instead of the one quilt."

Departure of Missionaries.

PERHAPS no part of our varied work appeals more to the sympathies of our friends than the sending abroad of new representatives. It, therefore, makes a feature of our "Silver Year" when three young missionaries have gone to join our ranks in India. We are glad to introduce to those who do not yet know them, Miss Eberle of Philadelphia; Miss Easton, of Knox, N. Y., and Miss Kennedy, of St. Louis. They go out accompanied by Miss Gardner, who has been

appointed on her return to take charge of our Orphanage in Calcutta, Mrs. Page, our late superintendent, having recently married. We trust that Miss Gardner, so well known to us all in her successful work in Cawnpore, will receive in her new post the loyal affection of all those who so long have been accustomed to learn of their beneficiaries through the graphic pen of Mrs. Page. And for the new workers we bespeak the fervent prayers of all the members of our Society, that to them health may be preserved, useful, glad service be granted, and success in winning souls for the Master. Miss Easton joins the party in England, having preceded those who sailed August 28th. A farewell meeting was held at the house of Miss Doremus, which was an opportunity for giving a "God speed" to those who carry so much of earnest purpose on our behalf.

"Shall We Lie on our Oars?"

"With the way open, shall we lie on our oars?"

An appeal for native books and tracts, published in Shanghai by the Book and Tract Society of China, closes with the above startling query, followed by these words: "Oh! that I could convey an adequate impression of the importance of more downright, earnest effort to reach the women of the East. The Church has not yet the faintest glimmering of the need of wider effort in this direction. Missionaries are working nobly, but the structure of Eastern society presents a barrier to their project. The winning of these great nations to Christ depends, under God, upon penetrating the households and lighting up the dark Zenanas with the torch of Divine Truth."

Christmas Boxes.

Very warm thanks are due to our kind friends for the mission boxes received for India, China and Japan, which are already on their outward voyage. It has been particularly gratifying that so many of these have come already packed for sea, which is an incalculable relief from the pressure of summer work at the mission room.—H. E. B.

MISSION BAND DEPARTMENT.

The School-Room.

BY H. CADDY.

OUR little Hindoo schools are doing a great work, though they are not so nicely fitted up as English schools are, for we like to make our money go as far as possible. We have wooden benches, without backs and without a particle of varnish or polish about them. The wear and tear of the wriggling little figures, however, soon renders them smooth, and in the course of time they even begin to shine, which is surely as good as if they were polished. We try to make the landlords whitewash the walls once a year, and with the help of a map and blackboard, an alphabet card and some cheap colored prints, the rooms look cheerful and attractive. When we can add a "Yankee clock" on a bracket with its bright pendulum swinging to and fro, our children think the room just perfect. Common, strong chairs are provided for the teachers, and a tin box with two or three dozen slates in it, complete our school-room furniture, and we find it answers our purpose very well.

Now, I think you would like to hear something of the little Bengali girls who come to learn in our Mission schools. The ages of our children range from four to ten years; we sometimes keep them up to eleven years of age, but that is rare, as the Bengalis consider it a disgrace to have their daughters unmarried at *ten years* of age!

Every year girls of seven, eight, nine and ten years are married and removed from school. Sometimes the whole of the first class girls are married off in a few weeks' time. This custom of early marriage is one of the iron

chains with which Satan binds the women of this land, and we, as Christians, should pray earnestly that God would break these iron bonds and set the people free. There can be no true progress while it lasts. Advanced Hindoos see the evil of this ancient custom and are trying to bring about a reform; but the masses of ignorant, superstitious and indolent people, so satisfied with the path their forefathers trod, will not easily yield to their more enlightened brethren. We must look to God to incline their hearts to regard the movement with favor.

Religious instruction is daily given in our schools according to the capacities of the children. There is an excellent little catechism containing over one hundred easy questions and answers that treat of God's goodness, sin, atonement through Christ, life, death, resurrection and merits of Christ, and the Ten Commandments. It is simple enough for the youngest to begin with, and you cannot puzzle the older ones on any question from beginning to end.

The second catechism is much larger and more difficult, going into the proofs. This some children get through before leaving school. Then there is the "Old, old story," which they all have to learn, and if you should even set out to hear them repeat it you could hardly find a chance to tell them to stop; at least you would not have the heart to do so, they go through from beginning to end with such evident enjoyment. The older girls repeat from memory the "Sermon on the Mount" and other portions of Scripture, so you see our children lay in a good stock of Gospel truths like so much good seed. Having sown the seed, we can then only look to the LORD OF THE HARVEST to grant the increase.

Wedding Marches.

BY A. S. PAGE.

THE English bands of music that have become necessary to Bengali weddings amuse us very much. Hitherto the Hindoos have preferred their own music; but now it is fashionable to hear nothing but "English music" at grand weddings. The musicians are probably men out of employment, who have only a slight knowledge of music, but think they know enough to play for processions. They are dressed in the most fantastic costumes and their instruments do not seem to have the requisite number of notes. Often, as we sit together in the evening, we hear a few bars of "Annie Laurie" or "British Grenadiers;" but there is always haste to run from one tune to another. One evening the hideous old idol Jugernath was borne along on a visit to his aunt, and the bands marching before, played "Old Dog Tray," and after a fortnight he returned to his own temple home with "Willie, we have Missed You."

Rest in a Weary Land.

BY A. S. PAGE.

THE former kings of the East thought they were amassing merit by their good works when they dug out tanks and wells for the benefit of the passers-by. In some of the North-west provinces there are short, square pillars about the height of an ordinary man, placed here and there along the roadside. I asked what these were for and was told that they had been built by certain pious native princes for the relief and comfort of travelers on that dusty highway. Each weary, toil-worn wayfarer, leaning against the pillar for a while, might slip off the burden carried on his head, shifting it to the flat

top, breathe freely for a few minutes, and then resume his load and go on blessing the person who had contrived this little respite for him. The ancient Hebrew "rolled a stone" in commemoration of any great event; the orthodox Hindoo digs a tank; holy fishes are fed and kept there, and travelers bowing down on their knees, quaff the water from the palm of their curved hands, bent so as to form a cup. "Peace to his ashes!" is the inscription on some of the roadside wells.

The Last Sacrifice.

(*Translated from Rev. Adolphe Monod's Sermons to Children.*)

A MINISTER of the Gospel having gathered together the children of his parish, told them how the heathen adored statues of wood and stone, others animals or rivers, or the sun, and how unhappy parents killed their own children, particularly their little girls, to escape the expense and trouble of bringing them up. During this recital he remarked a pale, sickly little girl, whose bright eyes followed him without losing a single word. Having finished speaking, the pastor showed the children little boxes, whose covers were ornamented with pretty paintings representing several missionary scenes among the Indians, and he offered to give one to those who, during the coming year, would put aside something every week to aid in converting the heathen. At this moment he saw the little girl put her arm around her father's neck—a poor blacksmith sitting beside her—and point to one of the boxes, as if asking for it. "My friend," said the pastor to him, "do you want a box for your little girl?" The father took it, saying, "I don't know if the poor child will ever be able to gain anything for you."

A year passed; the missionary meeting, where the boxes were to be returned and opened, was held. The

poor blacksmith was not absent, but this time he was alone. During the year he had lost his wife, and only two days before he had buried his beloved little daughter. Weeping, he gave the box to the pastor and said: "Here is the box you gave her. My dear little girl asked me for a penny of my wages every week that I had been pleased with her, and the penny was never missing. There were fifty-two weeks and should be fifty-two pennies; you can count them." The minister, counting them, found fifty-five cents, three more than the number named. The father, much troubled, counted and re-counted them, and at last, putting his hand to his head, cried: "I cannot understand this. My blessed child would never have taken what did not belong to her. However, the three pennies are there, but I did not give them to her; where did they come from?" He was so troubled that the next morning, receiving a visit from a pious lady who had loved his child very much, he told her of his perplexity. "I believe I can explain it," said the lady. "In visiting your daughter the evening before her death and seeing her parched with fever, I asked if the juice of an orange would not give her pleasure. She said 'yes,' and having only three pennies in small change with me I gave them to your little girl to buy an orange. I remember well regretting that I had nothing to put in the mission box which was on the child's bed." "God be praised," said the father, "and may He pardon my suspicions. The orange I am certain was not bought. My child refused this comfort to her dying lips to be able to put three cents more in her box."

What petted child of fortune among our Mission Bands could make a sacrifice as touching and complete for Jesus' sake?

S. D. D.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. E. M. Yelverton, by a Friend.
Mrs. R. Shipman, " "
Miss Grace Wyckoff, by Prairie Gleaners, Galesburg, Ill.
Miss Delia M. Stevens, by Old South Union Band, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mrs. Kate W. Jamison, by Mission Workers, Christ Church, Peoria, Ill.
Mrs. J. H. Van Dervoort, by Millstone Aux., N. J.

NEW MISSION BANDS.

The Emmanuel Mission Band of Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church, Newark, N. J., Mrs. M. L. Morrison, President.

Kenwood Union S. S., Hyde Park, Ill., Mr. George H. Bliss, Superintendent.

DONATIONS.

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts for our Mission Stations:

For *India—Cawnpore.*—A valuable box from Miss Morrill's and Miss Lowell's Sunday School classes, for Miss Ward's school.

From Mrs. Williams, Hackensack, N. J., for Miss Ward, 32 koortas, 23 bags, books, picture papers and cards.

Zenana Band, 2d R. E. Church, Philadelphia, 24 koortas, 20 aprons, 4 calico sacks, and 8 skirts, 20 scrap-books, 18 plaques, 12 towels, dolls, handkerchiefs, etc.; and from Sunday School of the Church of the Reconciliation, 84 dolls, 7 pin cushions, 6 toys, 6 handkerchiefs, book mark.

From Mrs. F. M. Wiley, N. Y., 6 Scripture Rolls.

Blue Ridge Band, Charlottesville, Va., 1 doz. towels, 41 handkerchiefs, 18 pairs stockings, 32 dolls, material for quilt, 4 skirts, 13 napkins, game, etc.

Ingham University, Le Roy, N. Y., 6 dolls, 13 koortas.

Bridgewater Zenana Band, Mass., 20 koortas, 36 dolls, 24 bags, cards and patchwork.

Christian Workers' Bible Class of Holy Trinity R. E. Church, Philadelphia, dolls, table cloths, napkins, 2 boxes soap, tooth brushes, etc.; also, from Thomas H. Power's Band, cards, books, towels, table cloth, handkerchiefs, etc.; from Mrs. Bishop Nicholson's Band, 7 dolls, 5 aprons, cards and chromos; Mathew H. Crawford Memorial Band, reward cards and pictures; Chas. Emory Memorial Band, reward cards and pictures.

Willing Workers, Church of the Covenant (R. E.), Wilmington, Del., for Miss Gardner, 28 patches, 16 koortas, 25 dolls, 29 scrap-books, 96 work bags.

Young Ladies' F. M. S., Church of Our Redeemer, R. E., Philadelphia, books, picture cards, beads, fan, quilt, bags, needle cases, thimbles, dolls, koortas, etc.

Prairie Band, Emmettsburg, Iowa, 7 koortas and jarmars, 5 scrap-books, 2 patchwork comforters, dolls, etc.

Aftermath Band, R. E. C., Brooklyn, 11 koortas, 5 dolls, 2 bags, etc.

Mrs. S. E. Warner, Brooklyn, for Miss Ward, 2 dolls, 9 work bags furnished, Christmas cards, pictures, books.

Mrs. and Miss Turrell, Binghampton, N. Y., box for Miss Ward.

Bishop Cummins Band (R. E. C.), Baltimore, Md., for Miss Eberle, 50 dolls, 24 scrap-books.

For *Calcutta*.—W. M. S., Calvary Church, Newark, N. J., 2 pieces muslin, 6½ doz. dolls, rabbits, material, koortas, jarmars, box and package for Adelaide, etc.

Baltimore, Md. Branch, for Miss Smith's school, 39 dolls, 2 scrap-books.

Pioneer Band, Brooklyn, N. Y., per Mrs. Wm. H. Harris, for Miss Caddy, 17 bags, 17 cushions, 17 thimbles, and needles.

Mrs. S. W. Barber, St. Louis, Mo., box for Miss Gardner; Orphanage, 41 dresses, books, commentary, microscope, 9 yards cambric, towels, calico, bureau scarf, etc.; and for Miss Hook, 21 dresses, 33 dolls, 24 scrap books, 15 skirts, books, material, Christmas cards, etc.

Mrs. Marston, Philadelphia, 2 packages for Miss Marston, and box.

Mrs. Lincoln, Worcester, Mass, package, for Miss Marston.

Mrs. C. H. Parker, Boston, Mass., dress, doll, bag, etc., for Gertrude Parker.

Helping Hands Band, Washington Heights, N. Y., 9 dolls.

Mrs. Cyrus W. Field, Dobbs Ferry-on-Hudson, a box containing 100 dolls, 90 yards of calico and 58 yards of sheeting, for Miss Hook.

Mrs. M. E. Whiton, Brooklyn, for Miss Caddy, patchwork and cards.

For *Calcutta Orphanage*.—Philadelphia Branch, 1 doz. dolls, 2 scrap-books and 2 dresses.

Clifton Mission Band, Cincinnati, O., 40 yards muslin, ½ doz. towels, 15 dolls, 8 handkerchiefs, patchwork, books, etc.

Miss Wallace, Newark, 25 dolls, and from Snow Bird Band, 10 dolls.

Miss Nina F. Jackson, Newark, N. J., a bag containing gifts for "Tukey."

Mrs. R. I. Brown, N. Y., for Anna and Sara J. Cobb, 6 chemises, 6 night gowns.

Harry and Nellie Moffat, Sing Sing, M. Y., a box of picture cards.

Ladies of Grace Church, Providence, R. I., 18 dolls.

Lend a Hand, Brooklyn, by Miss Woodward, Brooklyn, patchwork, papers, etc.

Shining Lights, Cincinnati, for Miss Gardner, 13 dolls, cards, kites, handkerchiefs, books, work bag, etc.

Miss Eliza Stevens, Newport, R. I., for Miss Gardner, 17 koortas.

Mrs. Marshall, Allegheny, Pa., 2 dresses, doll, 2 toy watches, book, cards.

Dobb's Ferry, N. Y., Miss M. A. McComb, primers and picture books; Miss Masters, Christmas cards; Mrs. Chanvet, cards and pictures.

Philadelphia Branch, pictures and patchwork quilt.

Earnest Workers, Roselle, N. J., 17 dolls, umbrella case, wall protector, fascinator, scrap-books, etc.

Snow Flake Band, Byron, Ill., 10 dolls.

For *Allahabad.*—Snow Flake Band, Byron, Ill., 8 dolls.

Gardner Mission Band, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., 23 koortas 23 skirts, 67 dolls, 16 books, 15 scrap-books, toys, paper and envelopes, 2 pieces silk for dresses, 1 piece embroidered Swiss muslin, 1 piece cheese cloth, counterpane, 2 scripture rolls, cards and pictures.

Odds and Ends Society, Bryn, Pa., 5 dolls, 2 baskets, 9 scrap-books, balls, books, rattles, etc.

Amherst, Mass., Mrs. L. P. Hickok, 10 koortas, and 8 koortas from Mrs. Dr. Wright.

For *Shanghai, China.*—For Hospital, from Mrs. Cyrus W. Field, valuable box of material for Dr. Reifsnyder's use, and 49 yards muslin for bandages.

Real Folks, Hatfield, Mass., 24 dolls, 18 scrap-books, 4 cakes soap (16 koortas and jamars for India), 12 handkerchiefs, picture cards.

Miss E. C. Reifsnyder, Pottstown, Pa., box and package for Dr. Reifsnyder and hospital, also a student's lamp from Mrs. John E. Fox.

An Invalid Friend, Brooklyn, scrap-book for the Hospital.

Lend a Hand Band, Clinton Ave., Brooklyn, for Miss McKechnie, table cloths, napkins, towel, cards, rubber cloth, old linen, 3 yards lawn, etc., and scrap-book from Pioneer Band.

Miss A. McKechnie, Springfield, Mass., for Miss McKechnie, book, grenadine, paper, buttons, envelopes.

Philadelphia Branch, for Dr. Reifsnyder, books, tubing, fluid, etc.

For *Japan.*—Anna Hull Memorial Band, Catskill, N. Y., 3 bedquilts, dolls, aprons, undergarments, etc., for Mrs. Viele,

Faithful Few, New Castle, Del., 132 squares patchwork, 500 cards, 6 dolls, cats, dogs, rabbits.

Concord Aux., N. H., for Dr. Kelsey, 9 pairs sheets, 9 pillow cases, quilt, 25 dolls, 22 scrap-books, 7 underwaists, 20 yards cambric, rubber blanket, etc.

Scattering.—Union Mission Band and Band of Helpers, New Brunswick, N. J., 32 koortas, Christmas cards, scrap-books and dolls for Shanghai; pillow cases, linen and bandages; also scrap-books for prizes in the Calcutta Orphanage, from The Boys' Mission Circle.

Miss Allen, N. Y., 2 pairs stockings.

Mrs. H. A. Clarke, Jamestown, R. I., 10 jarmars, 2 skirts, scrap-books, etc.

Mountain Mission Band, Orange, N. J., 15 koortas for Cawnpore; for Dr. Reifsnyder, 6 dolls, 52 cards—25 cards were made by Miss Kitty Millett; 100 basted patches from Miss Child.

Emmanuel Mission Band, Refd. Epis., Newark, N. J., 100 basted patches, 14 koortas, and 8 dolls for Dr. Reifsnyder.

Pioneer Band, Brooklyn, N. Y., for Shanghai Hospital, 2 dolls, 2 scrap-books.

From Mrs. Nixon, package of linen, and Christmas card for Miss Caddy.

Mrs. S. T. Dauchy, Brooklyn, for Shanghai Hospital, 6 cakes soap and linen, and for Miss Ward, 1 work basket, furnished.

Mrs. D. Hatch, Norwalk, Ct., doll and Christmas cards.

A Friend, Rockford, Ill., a dozen spoons each for Cawnpore and Allahabad, and linen for Dr. Reifsnyder.

Doremus Band, Cincinnati, a valuable box of gifts for "four little girls in heathen lands," consisting of 56 books, 9 scrap-books, 150 knit wash-rags, soap, 3 games, 350 scrap-books, pictures, album, 4 work bags, 100 cards, 4 dolls, 14 koortas, letter paper, 6 handkerchiefs, etc.

Morristown Aux., N. J., 21 pairs stockings, linen and 3 children's dresses.

Per Mrs. Avery, Chicago, Ill., 2 pair slippers, mats, cards.

Omitted from July LINK, a box from St. Louis Aux. valued at $75.

RECEIPTS *of the Woman's Union Missionary Society, from June 1st to August 1st, 1886.*

NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA.

St. Stephen, St. Stephen Auxiliary, per Mrs. Dr. Todd, for support of Esther, in Shanghai,	$30 00
The China Band, for school in Shanghai,	20 00
	$50 00

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, Boston Branch, Mrs. Henry Johnson, Treas. (See items below),	$137 50
Merrimac, Mrs. E. R. Sawyer, for Miss Hook to appropriate,	5 00
Northampton, Missionary Society of Smith College, Miss S. H. Perkins, Treasurer, for Mitzu Yuwasa, Japan, 60; toward training an assistant for Dr. Reifsnyder, 25; toward support of child in Calcutta Orphanage in Miss Gardner's care, 15,	100 00
Collected by Miss M. A. Allen:	
Miss. K. E. Tyler,	5 00
Mrs. L. C. Seelye,	5 00
Mrs. W. M. Gaylord,	5 00
Miss E. A. Warner,	5 00
Mrs. R. Hubbard,	1 00
Mrs. E. Wells,	1 00
Mrs. Cooper,	1 00
Mrs. Geo. Loomis, subs'n and LINK,	1 60
Miss E. Baker,	5 00
Mrs. J. H. Butler,	5 00
Mrs. J. S. Lathrop,	2 00
Mrs. H. F. Williams,	1 00
Mrs. R. B. Dickinson,	1 00
Mrs. M. M. French,	5 00
Mrs. H. W. Lathe, subs'n and LINK,	1 00
Mrs. S. T. Spaulding,	3 00
Mrs. J. H. Searle,	2 00
Mrs. Harding,	1 25
Mrs. L. B. Williams,	2 00
Mrs. I. D. Clarke,	1 00
Mrs. J. Whittlesey,	2 00
Mrs. M. S. Tenney,	10 00
Mrs. A. L. Williston,	5 00
Mrs. H. Hinckley,	3 00
Mrs. H. B. Fisk,	10 00
Mrs. C. H. Dickinson,	1 00
Miss Helen Clark,	1 00
Mrs. J. P. Williston,	3 00
Miss Mary E. Clark,	2 00
Mrs. J. Stoddard,	1 00
Miss M. A. Allen,	5 00
Mrs. Josiah Clark,	5 00
Total, $101 85, of which $27 60 were previously acknowledged,	$74 25
The Seelye children, per Miss M. A. Allen, for Mary Seelye, Calcutta,	$25 00
Springfield, Mrs. M. E. McClean, for Margaret Williamson Hospital, 5 50; LINK, .50.	6 00
	$347 75

RHODE ISLAND.

Providence, Providence Branch, Miss M. S. Stockbridge, Sec. the Miss Emily Waterman Memorial Fund, for support of orphan in Calcutta, for three years, 91; Mrs. Thayer, for LINK, .50,	$91 50
By Mrs. Timothy R. Green, Mrs. Lucius Lyon, 10; Miss Elizabeth G. Hale, 5; Mrs. E. A. Hall, 1.,	16 00
	$107 50

NEW YORK.

Albany, Albany Branch, Mrs. Fred. Townsend, Treas. (See items below),	$63 99
Brighton Heights, S. I., Brighton Heights Band, Miss M. Delevan, Treas., for girl in Japan,	50 00
Brooklyn, friends of Miss E. W. Beers,	17 00
Old South Union Band, Miss E. E. Burke, Treas., for support of Miki, in the Japan Home, 40; for salary of Hisa Saraki, 85; also for Life Membership of Miss DELIA M. STEVENS,	125 00
B. C. Cutler Memorial Band, per Mrs. C. C. Gignoux,	20 00
Plymouth Missionary Society, Miss E. C. Stoughton, Treas., towards endowment of Plymouth Bed in Margaret Williamson Hospital, Shanghai,	160 00
Clifton, S. I., Mrs. Erastus C. Bridgman, annual subs'n,	15 00
Corona, L. I., Leverich Memorial Band, per Mrs. Van Wickle, for Bible Reader in Japan, 20; for work in India, 25; Mrs. Campbell, for LINK, 50; also, added for picture sent by Mrs. Viele, 1.,	46 50
Dobb's Ferry, Miss Alice McComb, for freight on box to India,	5 00
Gravesend, L. I., 1st Reformed Church, per Miss Henderson,	12 10
Ithaca, Ladies of Ithaca, per Miss J. L. Hardy, Cong. Church,	

by Mrs. St. John, for Miss Ward, 64; Mrs. Wood, for LINK, 50., ... $64 50
New York, S. for Mrs. P. . . 8 00
A friend, the first donation for Normal School, in Miss Gardner's care, Calcutta, . . 50 00
A lady of Madison Square Church, per Miss Sampson, annual subscription, . . 5 00
Invalids' Auxiliary, per Mrs. W. S. Mikels, a friend, for membership of Miss E. E. B., J. F.. E. S. and E. A. S., 2; Mrs. E. C. C., 1; Mrs. E. O., .50; Mrs. E. P., .50; C. C. L., .25; E. S. G., .25; A. P., .25; E. C., .10; I. W., .14; L. McC., 1 20; A. H. H., .26; A. C., .10; E. C. C., .25; O. S. N., .10; C. A. P., .10; J. A. L., .20; E. P., .5, ... 7 25
Per Mrs. Mikels, through M. H. Vanderveer, a friend, 30:
Mrs. I. N. Burdick, 2, . . 32 00
Mrs. R. I. Brown, for Life Membership of MRS. E. M. YELVERTON and MRS. M. SHIPMAN, ... 100 00
Amity Sunday School, per Miss Henderson, . . . 5 00
Rev. G. L. Shearer, for Chinese stamps, . . . 1 00
Mrs. Wm. N. Blakeman, in memoriam, ... 20 00
Mrs. F. M. Wiley, for Bible Readers, 100; for LINK, 5, . 105 00
Mrs. E. M. Kingsley, donation and LINK, per Mrs. Southmayd, 1 50
Miss Laura Halsted, for widows in India, . . . 20 00
Mispah Band, Miss A. Hope, Sec., for Miss Ward's work, . 23 00
Tarrytown, Miss Bulkley's school for child in Calcutta Orphanage, per Miss Gardner, . . 15 00

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NEW JERSEY.

Hackensack, Chase Band, per Mrs. Williams, . . . $12 00
Little Maude Cummings, per Miss Gardner, and for her especial work, proceeds of Fair, ... 25 00
Millstone, Millstone Aux., Miss L. A. Vandervoort, Treas., for Bible Readers in Madanapalle, India, ... 85 00
Morristown, Miss Almy E. Vernon, Treas. of Proudfit Band, for school at Cawnpore, . . 40 00
Miss Vernon, for traveling expenses of new missionaries. . 5 00
Mountain Station, Orange, Infant class of Mrs. M. L. Morrison, for Dr. Reifsnyder, . . 5 00
Mountain Mission Band, Mrs. M. L. Morrison, Pres't, for Dr. Reifsnyder, ... $31 00
Newark, Newark Aux., Mrs. E. D. G. Smith, Treas. Young Ladies' Zenana Band of Woodside, per Mrs. C. C. Hine, proceeds of Fair, for support of Miss Phukan, Calcutta, . $250 00
From Calvary Church, per Mrs. Anna M. Pierson, for Kamine, in Calcutta, 15 00
Ladies, for expenses of Miss Henderson, . . 1 00

266 00

New Brunswick, New Brunswick Aux., Miss M. A. Campbell, Treas. Band of Helpers, by Mrs. F. A. Thomas, for support of Pootie, in Calcutta, 30; for Miss Crosby to appropriate, in Japan, 100, and for general fund, 5, . . $135 00
The New Brunswick Aux., 13 60
Bethel Mission school, half-yearly payment for child in Calcutta, . . 15 00
Mrs. Dunham, for duplicate certificate, . . 0 30

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South Orange, through Foreign Mission Committee of Reformed Episcopal Church, Rev. A. M. Morrison, Sec., for mission work in Cawnpore, India:
"X. Y. Z.," Fort Bennet, Dakota, ... $10 00
Christ Church, Refd. Epis., Barrie, Ontario Co., Rev. W. H. Barnes, Pastor, by John Dickinson, Treas., . . . 39 26
Thank-offering, H. S., Brooklyn, N.Y., . . 15 00
Mission Workers, Christ Church, Refd. Epis., Peoria, Ill., Mr. P. B. Tyng, Treas., for Life Membership of MRS. KATE WOODWARD JAMISON. Rev. J. W. Fairley, Pastor, . . . 50 00
Miss M. K. A. Stone, Reading, Pa., . . 14 00
Mrs. J. L. B., Columbus, O., 25 00
"A Family Offering," . 16 00

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Also $338.45 acknowledged under Philadelphia, Pa.
Princeton, Princeton Branch, Miss Ellen L. A. Brown, Treas., ... 100 00
Roselle, Mrs. Berdan, for freight on box, ... 1 00

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PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, Philadelphia Branch, for 600 copies of MISSIONARY LINK, for January, March and May,	$63 70	
For 600 copies of Annual Report,	46 79	
For Miss Lathrop,	196 00	
For Miss Leslie, etc.,	196 00	
For Miss Hook,	196 00	
For Dr. Reifsnyder,	125 00	
For Cawnpore, from Zenana Band of Refd. Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Phila., 40; Third Refd. Epis. Church, Germantown, 16; Willing Workers of the Refd. Episcopal Church of the Covenant, Wilmington, Del., 30; Zenana Band of the Second Refd. Episcopal Church, Phila., 252.45,	338 45	
Lambertville Aux., for support of Emma Wetherill, Calcutta, 30; for O'Naka San, at Yokohama, 65; and for a child in China, 56,	151 00	
Total from Philadelphia Branch,		$1312 94
Per Miss Gardner, Miss Caldwell, 7; Miss Coles, 25; Mrs. Markoe, 10; all for Miss Gardner's work,		42 00
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Donation from Mrs. Dr. W. W. Seelye, for Life Membership, and for Miss McKechnie to appropriate in dispensary at Shanghai,	50 00	
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For LINKS,	3 50	
Towards Miss McKechnie's salary, (See items below.	157 80	
		$602 40
Dayton, Young Ladies' Mission Circle of Cooper Academy, per Miss E. L. Robertson,		13 80
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		$104 00

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Nevada, Mrs. Elvira Ward and Louisa P. Ward, 1; in memory of Mrs. Louisa Pitts, by her daughter, 2; in memory of Gertrude Mandeville, by her mother, Sacramento, 1; from Alameda, Mrs. Sevening and Lulu, 1; from Chicago, Mrs. Carrie K. Louderbach, 1, ... $20 00

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